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1. AS A FOLLOWUP TO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED OBSERVATIONS ON FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S TRIP TO TOKYO (REFTEL, MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY ERSBOLL INFORMED US MARCH 8 THAT ANDERSEN'S TRIP REPORT TO THE MARCH 7 EC COUNCIL MEETING WAS WELL RECEIVED.

2. THE COUNCIL, ERSBOLL SAID, CONCLUDED THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED EC EXPORTS TO JAPAN WERE "SOBER" BUT THAT THE EC SHOULD NOT GIVE UP PRESSURING JAPAN FOR IMPROVEMENTS. IF JAPAN CANNOT DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS BEING HELPFUL, THE EC WILL "HAVE TO TAKE STEPS".

3. ERSBOLL STATED THAT PARTICIPANTS IN THE MARCH 7 COUNCIL MEETING UNDERSTOOD THAT "MIRACLES COULD NOT BE EXPECTED OVER NIGHT". THEY GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE ANDERSEN INITIATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE EC HAD DEMONSTRATED TO THE JAPANESE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE EC POSITION.
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TION AND THUS PAVED THE WAY FOR FURTHER SERIOUS TALKS.

4. RE TOKYO'S 3506, ACCORDING TO ERSBOLL, THE IDEA OF JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS SOMETIME IN THE SUMMER ORIGINATED WITH FUKUDA HIMSELF. ERSBOLL CLAIMED THAT FUKUDA MENTIONED THAT HE PLANNED TO BE IN GERMANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND THAT HE WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE

IN EUROPE TO VISIT SOME KEY COUNTRIES. IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT
THAT FUKUDA MENTIONED BRUSSELS AND ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE
DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT FUKUDA WOULD BE CALLING ON THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND NOT ON THE ROTATING PRESIDENT OF EUROPE
COMMUNITIES. ONLY AFTER CHECKING WITH THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES,
K. B. ANDERSEN MENTIONED IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THE LIKELIHOOD
OF A VISIT BY FUKUDA TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION THIS SUMMER.
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